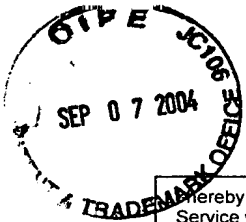


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office action mailed August 2, 2004, the applicants hereby provisionally elect Group 2, with traverse. Claims 1-20 are readable upon the elected species.

This response is timely filed, as it is submitted within one month of the mailing of the Office action.